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DUNCAN MARSHALL, Manager.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1909.

## OUR POSSIBLE WHEAT CROP.

Some few years ago Professor Mavor of Toronto university, won for him self the attention of the western people by an estimate of the crop capabilities of this country. Though the amount of the attention may have been flattering to the professor's sense of his own importance, it was hardly of a character to confirm his faith in the correctness of his views. Certainly it can hardly have failed to make clear to him what the western people thought of his qualifications as a crop prophet, or that what was a prophet, rather than a philosopher, than a prophet. Though the West now yields annually more bushels than he said it could, and the fact stands him up. Neither does the recollection of the innumerable warm but not over kindly things that were said about him. He has the things as the unavoidable unpleasant things which great minds must encounter, which they should bear with. Wherefore, the professor has got out some pencil and done more figuring, the results showed he has been giving the British estimates. In brief, he finds that we have 12 million acres of wheat land in the West; that this land is capable of bearing 18 bushels to the acre, or that the maximum wheat crop possible to the country is about 216,000,000 bushels.

Unfortunately for the professor's friends are against him and his abstract figuring must suffer. The fact is, Alberta alone contains approximately 250 thousand square miles, or 14 million acres of land. In the one third of this province, the wheat belt, there has already to a considerable extent taken place, wheat growing is proven to be not only possible, but nominally a profitable business to the farming people. That is, say about 30 million acres of land in this Province alone must be admitted capable of wheat production at a profit, which as the professor's modest estimate of 18 bushels to the acre would turn out 540 million bushels, or twice the amount he allows the whole country capable of producing. That Saskatchewan and Manitoba contain even as much is proven beyond the slightest of doubt. This makes the total known possible wheat growing area over 100 million acres and puts the average crop of the professor's figure per acre at nearly 2 billion bushels. It is, of course, true that the western farmers will not all grow wheat every year and that this may be for the excess of the amount of land that will be under wheat in the average year. But it must be remembered that these figures include only one third of the land in the prairie provinces. A large part of the remainder is declared by the best available evidence to be capable of large operations as generally understood, including the production of wheat. Allowing this belief to be justified to a reasonable degree, when the estimate of the West is done it is entirely possible that the average wheat crop will occupy nearly a hundred million acres than if 12 and that the average yield will be beyond the billion mark. Certainly this area and this yield is within the power of the country, and if the yield is not realized it will be because mixed farming is found to pay better than wheat growing pure and simple, as it is every reason to believe and hope will be the case. If the country's "possibility" is the question, the professor must overstate his figures before he reaches the "theory of production" broad enough to accommodate the known facts.

## A HALF-HOLIDAY BILL.

The budget and the naval program are not the exclusive subjects of attention in the British Parliament, though naturally these outstanding matters are the only ones the Canadian public catches much sight of. While his colleagues are carrying the change into public favor Mr. Gladstone, the home secretary, has introduced a bill looking to the amelioration of the conditions of a large number of people and which in less strenuous times might be supposed to itself have considerable attention and excite some discussion. The bill relates to the employment of aboriginals and some of its provisions would likely provoke merry war between the legislature and the municipal authorities if they were paralleled in measures proposed in the Canadian Parliament or Legislature.

Shop assistants are not to be employed more than sixty hours a week nor after 8 p.m. on more than three evenings in the week.

There must be a weekly half-holiday, every shop to close not later than 2 p.m. on one day in the week. Local authorities (in London, the county council will have the power to select early closing day.

Shops, with the exception of public houses, will be closed on Sunday.

In Jewish localities shops will be allowed to remain open till 2 p.m. on Sunday if they have been closed from sunset on Friday till sunset on Saturday.

Street markets, where important and customary, may be exempt.

Hawkers and chapmen will be restricted on the same lines as shopkeepers.

Special provisions will be made in respect of holiday resorts and public holidays.

The bill will not apply to rural parishes with a population of less than one thousand.

On this side of the water the weekly half-holiday question is left to the municipal authorities and is customarily settled by agreement between the merchants and their clerks. Mr. Gladstone's bill proposes to make the half-holiday a compulsory affair so far as shops in the larger centers of population are concerned.

## ANOTHER SUPPORTER.

The British protectionists must be getting in a bad way. Even the Tories are now abandoning hope of their winning on the protection versus Lloyd George budget issue. It now seems that the Tories are giving up their religion to lead the band of their weaker brethren by allowing their unearned wealth to be taxed.

On the other side, the compensation of operations of a future tariff to make good their noble sacrifice out of the sweat of the same poorer brethren. The average Government have a considerable number of friends among the newspapers of the old country this argument should get a wide circulation and their support and enthusiasm. It would at least strike the British workman as news that he had asked the Lords to bear his burden. His understanding of it is that he is merely asking them to bear their own burden which have lain upon his shoulders for these many years. And the rationales afford of the argument would be anything but likely to incline him favorably to their Lordships. In the case, a British noble might like to be called a beggar because he declines to pay another man's debts any longer.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

One hundred harvesters are coming from Kingston, Ont., and vicinity. Owing to the demand for men, the harvesters will be asked to go to their occupation there.

The good people of this city have received many compliments on their lack of modesty when the future of the West was the theme of discussion. The T. T. R. seem to be willing to share this distinction with them, for the layout of their yards here provides for ninety miles of trackage. The T. T. R. seem to be making no mistake about the Edmonton to be and are preparing to do their part in realizing the hope.

From a London source comes news of a movement to make Sir Wilfrid Laurier the first Governor General of South Africa. No doubt he would make a good one, for no man understands the requirements better, while his experience in Canada should give him a wide influence among the diverse races of the newly united States of South Africa. But it would be an awful waste of good material. When all is said and well-intentioned, good-mannered gentleman with sense enough to keep out of politics, can fitly represent the King under a limited monarchy system, but it takes something more to make a Premier. It is a pretty safe guess that the "mover" originated in the mind of some body whose sympathies are with the political fortunes of Mr. R. L. Borden. And it is equally certain the move-

ment will not get much further. A small group of hot-headed opponents excepted, any proposal to start with Sir Wilfrid would be enthusiastically unpopular in this country. Nor would Sir Wilfrid likely look kindly on an offer to leave the Canada in whom making he has played a tremendously useful part and which looks to him for many years of splendid service. As for South Africa, there need be no uneasiness as to the future if the Home Government has the wisdom to keep their baiters at home and to send out steadily with the good sense to not disturb the scorpions of racialism.

Some sort of a reception should be tendered Corporal McInnis on his return to the Twin Cities, for though he shoots as an Edmonton man, he can also claim a share in the honor he has annexed, after a distinguished record at Bixley the corporal has for the second time won the Governor General's trophy in the D. R. A. meet at Ottawa. Even those who prefer peace can appreciate the desirability of encouraging marksmanship. No other kind of competition makes stronger demands on the competitor for clean living, self-possession and the sturdier virtues of manhood. At the same time it schools him in the soldier's most necessary and most difficult duty and the one that cannot be picked up in a few weeks' camp when hostilities are already in sight. A nation of riflemen can defy the world as far as the invader of its territory is concerned. Canada is making good progress in this direction and encouragement should be given those who by patient endeavor make themselves proficient.

## VARIOUS VIEWS

## OUR WESTERN GOLOONDA.

Ottawa Free Press.—How many Canadians realize the enormous wealth which is being gathered into the hands of the claims of Central Canada? The figures are amazing, and might be exaggerated were they not furnished by men who know what they are talking about. The immigration authorities tell us that there is every indication that this year's immigration will reach 150,000 people.

They estimate that these people will bring in with them an average of \$2,000 a family, which, estimating the family as averaging five, will give a total of 750,000 people. Even supposing this estimate is considerably excessive, we can fairly assume that the money and property to be brought in this year will be at least \$2,000,000.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce estimates the yield of wheat at 13,279,336 bushels, which at the price of 50 cents a bushel gives a total of \$6,639,680. It puts the yield of oats at 15,753,750 bushels, worth at an average of 20 cents a bushel, \$3,150,750; and it looks for a crop of 24,244,648 bushels of barley, worth at an average of 40 cents, \$9,697,859. So that these crops alone stand to produce a total of \$19,488,289.

The value of other crops may be safely put down at \$20,000,000, a very reasonable estimation. The cattle and horse ranches are expected to add at least \$20,000,000 more to the total, and railway construction will involve the expenditure of another \$20,000,000. All of the money which is being poured in lands and industrial enterprises by British capitalists, we estimate as follows:

Settlers ..... \$ 60,000,000  
Wheat, oats and barley ..... 15,000,000  
Cattle and horses ..... 20,000,000  
Railway construction ..... 20,000,000

Some people put the estimate as high as \$200,000,000. We prefer, however, to be conservative, but even our conservatism may seem too optimistic for some people.

Is there any wonder that the people of the West are too busy to worry about politics; there will be lots of time for politics later on. Their present task is to garner the harvest and everybody in the east, realizing how much depends upon their task, will wish them God-speed in their work.

And Central Canada is yet only in the cradle of its development.

## LORD STRATHCONA AND THE RED RIVER.

Toronto Globe.—Lord Strathcona, in his third year, has just completed the Atlantic on the Mauretania for the purpose of making a "pleasure trip through Canada to Vancouver." It is a far call to the time when, as Donald Alexander Smith, the first man from Scotland to America for the first time, accompanied him to the bottom of the long ladder, the service of T. Hudson's Bay Company, of which he has been for many years the chairman and the leading spirit. He spent his first thirteen years on the Labrador coast, and then he came to thirty his unique career in the West. After a series of well-earned promotions he reached the position of Chief Factor and after several years passed through that of resident governor to the Chippewagan.

## BEAVER HILLS.

Bulletin News Service.  
The new teacher for Josephburg School is R. McNeill, from Ontario. Miss Augusta Schneider, who spent a few weeks visiting her relations here, went back to her home in Belgium. Mrs. Degradier, from Edmonton, spent a few days here visiting Frank Weder. Beaver Hills, August 30th.

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401, 403, 405, 407 Namayo Ave., Edmonton

## AN OPEN LETTER

Caledonian Department Store,  
Namayo Avenue, Edmonton, August 30th, 1909.

The Buying Public,  
Edmonton and District, Alta.,

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Have you been GUESSING? WONDERING? THINKING? or WORRYING? what was to happen to this great, popular

## CALEDONIAN DEPARTMENT STORE

There has been a mysterious air about the great sale just finished, a sale which has completed two years' trading—two years of the most wonderful and phenomenal success ever witnessed in retail merchandising across the broad Dominion of Canada.

## COMMENCING AUGUST 20th

In a store measuring 14 ft. x40 ft., with a stock of \$1,500, on a street practically unknown,

## Look at the Development Today!

The Caledonian Department Store, with a stock of \$75,000, occupying a store of which the floor space covers 4,000 square feet, and employing a staff of 20 experienced clerks and buyers.

THIS SHOWS CLEARLY that we have deserved and won the confidence of the purchasing public. Realizing that Edmonton was on the eve of a great and wonderful development, to keep pace with this development we decided to hold a big "Advertising Sale."

Sensational methods for this great sale had to be adopted, but that these methods have proven a great success is shown by the thousands of people who have visited the sale, saw what the store could do, AND BOUGHT. That last phrase clearly shows that our sale was a Genuine Sale, as there are no more critical buyers in the Dominion than right here in Edmonton.

Some people thought it was a Bankrupt sale. Others thought it was a Fake Sale.

## Remember! the Buying Public Found It a Genuine Sale

**NOTICE** Our store is closed for two days to allow of alterations and improvements, and to prepare for our FALL OPENINGS in Millinery, Costumes, Skirts, Cloaks, Dress Goods and Novelties, and will re-open

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1st

Bigger, brighter, newer will be the stock of Fall Goods which will be displayed in the great popular store.

Again thanking you for the liberal patronage you have bestowed on this store, and thanking you in anticipation for the continuance of same,

I am, yours obediently,

ALEX. LIVINGSTONE.

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## FALL BUILDING WORK WITHOUT A PARALLEL

An immense amount of construction work taking place throughout Canada in the past few months will be coming to Architects' Reports.

Building returns for July from nineteen cities, while showing a slight drop off in six places—the largest number of decreases recorded for any month so far this year—nevertheless registered a gain in the whole an average gain of 13.98 per cent. Altogether the situation is based on comparative figures supplied Construction can be regarded as being most satisfactory, as the rate the setback experienced in the West and the loss noted in the case of Halifax, the gains made in other sections are of such proportion as to leave no doubt as to the substantial progress which is being made at present, and which will in all probability be made for some time to come.

The largest loss for the month is in the case of Brandon, where a slump of 63 per cent has been experienced. Winnipeg, which had a gain of 32 per cent, Edmonton is third, with a deficit of 4.99 per cent. Vancouver next, by a falling off of 11 per cent, while Regina falls by 13 per cent. The equal loss is incurred by corresponding period of last year.

The reversal, however, of the both and degree of alarm, as it was with any degree of alarm, as it was responsible for the occurrence of a pre-arranged plan of unprecipitated and genuine gains, then the break was bound to occur. Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Brandon, more than doubled their slump in the preceding month, while Regina showed an increase of 41 per cent, and, in view of this fact, and the big gains made in such a short time, the first five months, the loss experienced in no way materially cut down from their respective gains in five places, as well as Halifax, which fell back to the extent of 22 per cent.

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Edmonton, Alta.	24,350	288,750	23.60
Fort William, Ont.	10,000	10,000	100.00
Halifax, N. S.	46,335	62,461	22.13
Hamilton, Ont.	206,475	166,250	31.26
London, Ont.	21,950	24,000	33.33
Montreal, P. Q.	712,126	433,460	63.53
Peterborough, Ont.	12,235	12,235	100.00
Port Arthur, Ont.	114,320	114,320	100.00
Regina, S. S.	51,340	12,800	11.49
St. Catharines, Ont.	17,750	9,745	24.14
Sydney, N. S.	1,750	1,750	100.00
Toronto, Ont.	1,221,000	676,120	13.64
Vancouver, B. C.	540,367	106,070	19.26
Victoria, B. C.	97,874	1,401,250	32.14
Windsor, Ont.	1,000	1,000	100.00
Winnipeg, Man.	500,870	544,606	13.98
	\$5,295,458		

## ALL MADE READY FOR HARRIMAN OPERATION

Great Railroad Financier Guarded in His Retreat in Mountain Fastness—No One to His Help Within Three Miles of Him.

TURKEY, N. Y., August 30.—Dr. Wm. C. Harriman, an American millionaire, who is reported to have been in the hospital, arrived at his home in the morning and went to the Harriman house. Several other eminent physicians were already there. It is reported that he is in a critical condition, and that his recovery is doubtful. Harriman is reported to be in a critical condition, and that his recovery is doubtful. Harriman is reported to be in a critical condition, and that his recovery is doubtful.

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## report the immediate outlook as being bright, and show unmistakable signs of a recovery.

Victoria News Ltd.

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## CANADA'S BANKING POSITION AT PRESENT

Monetary Times Presents a Review of the Situation, the Substantial Growth of Business, and This Year's Recovery From Depression

The advent of the "half year" statement is always awaited with considerable interest. The half year statement is a valuable index of the state of the country's business, and it is of great importance to the public to know the state of the country's business at this time. The half year statement is a valuable index of the state of the country's business, and it is of great importance to the public to know the state of the country's business at this time.

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Port Arthur, Ont.	114,320	114,320	100.00
Regina, S. S.	51,340	12,800	11.49
St. Catharines, Ont.	17,750	9,745	24.14
Sydney, N. S.	1,750	1,750	100.00
Toronto, Ont.	1,221,000	676,120	13.64
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	\$5,295,458		

## SHOT TO DEATH IN ST. LOUIS

Arden, N.Y., Aug. 30.—Edward H. Arden, a well-known manufacturer, who is reported to have been in the hospital, arrived at his home in the morning and went to the Harriman house. Several other eminent physicians were already there. It is reported that he is in a critical condition, and that his recovery is doubtful.

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July	June	July	June
Berlin, Ont.	25,000	212,000	106.33
Brandon, Man.	30,450	50,654	65.33
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